IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1753 : PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed on November 6, 2008, Applicant respectfully

states: